

To whom it may concern,

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. It is very disturbing that this company would be willing to ignore federal election law in an attempt to get a politician elected that they feel will serve their needs.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. And most of all it shows how important the FCC is in this process. I hope that you will act in accordance with fairness and, above all, the law.

Thank you.
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